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REQUEST FOR FILING A PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

Attorney Docket: 381NP/42160C2

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Box PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a request for filing a X continuation or _____
divisional application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b), of pending prior
application:

Serial No. 09/286,323Filed on April 5, 1999Of Soshiro KUZUNUKI, Toshifumi ARAI, Tadaaki
KITAMURA and Hiroshi SHOJIMAEntitled: INFORMATION PROCESSING EQUIPMENTExaminer: B. HuynhGroup: 2773

- X 1. Accompanying this order is a true copy of the prior
application as originally filed.
Total pages 89 pages, 32 Sheets of Drawings showing
Figs. 1-37(b)
- _____ 2. New Formal drawings are being filed herewith
consisting of _____ sheet(s), depicting Figures _____
- X 3. Declaration and Power of Attorney:
- a. _____ Newly executed (original or copy)
- b. X Copy from prior application
- i. _____ Deletion of Inventors - signed statement
attached deleting inventor(s) named in the
prior application
- X 4. Incorporation by Reference:
- The entire disclosure of the prior application, from
which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied
under Box 3b, is considered as being part of the
disclosure of the accompanying application and is
hereby incorporated by reference therein.
- X 5. ~~Cancel original claims~~ 21-40.

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6. Small entity status:
- a. ☐ A small entity statement is enclosed
- b. ☐ A statement of small entity status (copy attached) was filed on _____ in the prior application and status as a small entity is still proper and desired.
- c. ☐ Is no longer claimed
- ☒ 7. The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED, INCLUDING ANY CLAIMS
CANCELLED OR ADDED BY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Basic Fee		\$355		\$710
Total Claims	<u>20</u> - 20 = _____	x 9 = \$ _____	18 = \$ <u>710.00</u>	
Ind. Claims	<u>3</u> - 3 = _____	x 40 = \$ _____	80 = \$ _____	
Multiple Dependent Claims	_____ + 135 = \$ _____	270 = \$ _____		
	Total	\$ _____		\$710.00

8. Please charge my Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket # 381NP/42160C2) in the amount of \$ 710.00.
9. A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- ☒ 10. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 37 CFR 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket # 381NP/42160C2).
- ☒ 11. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: - This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/286,323, filed April 5, 1999.--
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- ☒ 12. Priority of Appln. No. 6-153636, filed in Japan on July 5, 1994, is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
- ☒ 13. A certified copy of each said priority document was filed in application Serial No. 08/498,232 on July 5, 1995.
- ☒ 14. The prior application is assigned of record to Hitachi, Ltd.
- ☒ 15. The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

Herbert I. Cantor, Reg. No. 24,392; James F. McKeown, Reg. No. 25,406; Donald D. Evenson, Reg. No. 26,160; Joseph D. Evans, Reg. No. 26,269; Gary R. Edwards, Reg. No. 31,824; and Jeffrey D. Sanok, Reg. No. 32,169.

- ☒ a. The power appears in the original application papers in the prior application.
- ☐ b. Since the power does not appear in the original application papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- ☐ c. Attached is a duplicate of a Supplemental Declaration which was filed in the prior application to overcome informalities.
- ☒ d. Address all future correspondence to:

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P.O. Box 14300
Washington, DC 20044-4300

- ☐ 16. Forms PTO-892 and PTO-1449 listing prior art made of record in the prior application are attached. A copy of each of the listed references should be available in the prior application file.
- ☐ 17. A Preliminary Amendment is being filed herewith.
- ☒ 18. Return Receipt Postcard.
- ☐ 19. Other: _____

Respectfully submitted,

May 30, 2001

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